GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL TICKETING AGENTS/AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of the operation of illegal ticketing agents/agencies on rail reservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such agents/agencies found involved in such illegal practice during the last two years, till date;

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Railways to check illegal ticketing;

(d) the losses being incurred by Railways due to this annually; and

(e) the measures taken by the Railways to curb such activities and educate the passengers in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e): Some cases of unauthorised agents/agencies indulging in illegal ticketing do come to notice of Railways from time to time. Action is taken against them as per the relevant provisions of law. Separate figures for such agents/agencies are not maintained. There is no financial loss. Regular and surprise checks are conducted in and around the railway reservation offices by Commercial, Vigilance and Railway Protection Force /Government Railway Police personnel to curb such activities and suitable action is taken.

Besides this, wide publicity is also given through various media advising the public to purchase tickets only from the authorised sources.